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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF SOUTH COAST AIR QUALITY MANAGEMENT DISTRICT
PARTICULATE TRAP RETROFIT GRANT PA 2003-04
ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS
3 VOTES**

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Accept a grant from the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) in the amount of \$360,000 for the installation of particulate traps on sixty Public Works diesel-powered trucks.
2. Authorize the creation of Budget Item numbers for the particulate traps installed.
3. Authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to act as an agent for the County of Los Angeles when conducting business with AQMD on items related to this grant.
4. Authorize the Internal Services Department to utilize the existing City of Los Angeles Contract No. 57880 for the procurement and installation of retrofit exhaust kits.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

On July 11, 2000, your Board approved the guidelines to be followed prior to the acceptance by the County of any State and Federal grants of \$100,000 or more.

These guidelines include a requirement that County departments prepare a Grant Management Statement for your Board's review prior to County departments carrying out the activities covered under the grant.

On September 13, 2002, AQMD's Board approved Public Works' grant application under the Particulate Matter Retrofit Program PA 2003-04, for the installation of particulate traps on sixty Public Works 1994 and newer diesel-powered trucks. It is anticipated that the County's acceptance of this AQMD grant will fully fund the installation of these traps. All work must be completed by March 31, 2003. Public Works will utilize the City of Los Angeles' existing Contract No. 57880 for the procurement of the parts and installation of retrofit exhaust kits. We have discussed our intent and have approval from Internal Services Department, County Counsel, and the City of Los Angeles to use Contract No. 57880 for the retrofits. When used with ultra low sulfur diesel fuel, these traps eliminate particulate matter (exhaust soot) by more than 85 percent. Diesel particulates have been linked to a variety of respiratory problems and lung disease, including cancer.

Delegating authority to the Director of Public Works or his designee to act as an agent for the County when conducting business with the AQMD on items related to this grant will streamline the project delivery process.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

This action is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goals of Service Excellence and Children and Families' Well-Being since the implementation of this grant will help improve air quality and safety, therefore, improving the quality of life in the County.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

This grant of \$360,000 will provide up to \$6,000 per truck for the retrofit exhaust kits, which is the approximate cost under the City's retrofit Contract No. 57880. Under the terms of the grant, as the trucks are retrofitted, AQMD will pay the contractor directly. However, we will incur an incremental increase of five cents per gallon for ultra low sulfur diesel fuel or \$30,000 per year based on our previous year's diesel fuel usage. This fuel will be required for all diesel trucks produced after October 1, 2002. No engine adjustments are required. Additionally, engine warranties and/or maintenance costs are not affected.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Grant Management Statement for this grant has been prepared using the guidelines established by the Chief Administrative Officer and adopted by your Board.

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The grant will require the execution of a County/AQMD project agreement, which is currently being prepared by the AQMD. Your action will allow this agreement to be executed by the Director of Public Works or his designee in his role as an agent for the County.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for this grant.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The work will be scheduled to ensure that there is no interruptions to current operations.

CONCLUSION

Please return one approved copy of this letter.

Respectfully submitted,

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel